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## BUILDING COST NOT TO DROP SAY EXECUTIVES

**BUILD NOW—KEEP INDUSTRY MOVING IS SLOGAN**

**Governors and Mayors Get Behind Campaign to Stimulate Business Through Building and Construction Work**

The governors and mayors in attendance on the recent Washington conference appear to have been convinced pretty generally of two things: There is to be no immediate or marked reduction in the price of building materials and labor wages, and an immediate resumption of building and construction activities throughout the country, more than any one other thing, is essential if business is to get back to the "as usual" basis of peace, or the "better" basis of usual possibilities of the present and future.

Some went to the conference believing materially lower prices might be had if the federal government would "just do something." Others were convinced that the situation would take care of itself if the government would do nothing, but keep its hands off business and let the law of supply and demand run its course. These later were disposed to believe prices in the building and construction industries were too high.

For this reason a statement by Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale University, an acknowledged authority on price and market conditions, in which he says the United States has reached a new price level and it is doubtful if prices ever again will go back to the pre-war level, was read with interest. Prof. Fisher says that one certain way to bring about business stagnation is for everybody to wait for business to get better. Prof. Fisher states it this way:

"The fundamental practical question confronting business men is whether the general level of prices is going to fall. In my opinion, it is not going to fall much, if at all. We are on a permanently higher price level and the sooner the business men of the country take this view and adjust themselves to it, the sooner will they save themselves and the nation from the misfortune which will come, if we persist in our present false hope.

This international authority on prices shows there have been times in history when new price levels were established. He says: "The general level of prices depends upon the volume and rapidity of turning over the circulating medium in relation to the business to be transacted thereby. If the number of dollars circulated by cash and by check doubles, while the number of goods and services exchanged thereby remain constant, prices will double.

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## LUMBERMAN EXPECTS GOOD SEASON

W. L. Houston who operates the sawmill at Parkers Mill, returned from Portland last Thursday where he was called by the serious illness of Mrs. Houston, who was much improved when he left the city. Mr. Houston is now busy getting ready to start the mill for the season's run which will be done as soon as the weather permits. He expects a good season in the lumber trade and is figuring on doing his logging this season with heavy motor trucks.

## COMPREHENSIVE ROAD PROGRAMME PLANNED

**COUNTY OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS MEET COMMISSIONER**

**Fullest Co-operation of State and County Assured as Result of Conference**

A delegation of Heppner men headed by County Judge Campbell and Commissioner George Bleakman, went to Pendleton last Saturday to hold a conference with State Highway Commissioner W. L. Thompson and Engineer M. O. Bennett with a view to planning a road-building program in Morrow county for the coming summer. C. E. Woodson, F. R. Brown and Vawter Crawford accompanied the officials on the trip.

To a Herald reporter yesterday morning Judge Campbell expressed himself as being highly pleased with the cordial reception and courteous treatment accorded his party by the highway officials and also with their hearty assurance of the fullest co-operation with Morrow county in the way of planning and carrying out a comprehensive road program.

The fact that Morrow county advanced some \$19,000 to the state for the purpose of putting macadam on the section of road improved between this city and Lexington last year, places Morrow county definitely on the list of counties with which the state commission will first cooperate in the roadbuilding program. This assurance was given to the delegation by Mr. Thompson who urged that immediate steps be taken by Morrow county people to call a special election at the earliest possible day to vote on the proposed measure for bonding the county for \$290,000 for good roads. Mr. Thompson pointed out that it would be poor policy to wait for the coming June election when a number of measures passed by the late legislature will be submitted to the people. Many of these measures, he pointed out, may prove unpopular with the voters and should strong opposition to some of these measures develop it might jeopardize the road measure. Another point he made was that by calling a road election early in May instead of

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## EFFECTIVE VACCINATION



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION IS ENJOYABLE OCCASION

The annual celebration of St. Patrick's Day closed last evening with a Hibernian banquet in the I. O. O. F. dining room. The occasion is always a big event in Heppner and this year was no exception.

A most enjoyable entertainment was given Saturday evening in the high school auditorium which was well attended. Thos. Mannix, Esq., of Portland, was the principal speaker of the evening. In a splendid address he discussed the Irish question and made a strong appeal to all America, whether or not of Irish blood, to use their influence in every available manner to promote the cause of Irish freedom and Irish independence. Mr. Mannix made it plain that he is opposed to the ratification of the constitution of the League of Nations until an endorsement of Ireland's demand for independence is made a part of it.

A happy feature of the evening was the entertainment furnished by George C. Hennessey, also of Portland. Mr. Hennessey is a favorite in Heppner and his numbers called forth numerous and hearty demands for encores.

Mrs. C. L. Sweick, Mrs. R. J. Vaughan and Miss Peggy O'Rourke, three of Heppner's most gifted musicians, also assisted with the entertainment and added much to the pleasure of the evening. A male chorus of local talent also pleased the audience with the song: "Old Ireland Shall be Free."

Sunday was occupied with church services and a work session of the Hibernians in the afternoon and Monday forenoon members of the Hibernian lodge, marched from their hall to the church to attend mass and the special St. Patrick's Day service.

Monday afternoon was given over to field sports on the Monahan ranch above town. A big crowd went out to see the fun and in spite of the chilly weather everybody stayed to the last event.

The program opened with a Gaelic football game, the two teams being captained by Billy O'Rourke and John Kelly. The Gaelic game differs from American football to such an extent that it is beyond the power of this writer to intelligently describe the different maneuvers but its a cinch that the ball got plenty of punishment and the 24 husky players sure got all the exercise they

needed during the hour the game lasted. The result was a victory for the O'Rourke side in a score of nine to one.

In the 100 yard dash, open to Hibernians, John Kelly was first; John McNamee second. In the hop, step and jump John Kelly was first and John McNamee second. In the three legged race Joe Kearney and Barney Doherty, Jr. first, Pat Curran and Pat Ward second. In the ladies race Lena Doherty was first and Peggy O'Rourke second. In the 100 yard dashes for all, James Cowins first, John Kelly second. In the running long jump James Cowins made 16 feet, 6 inches; John Kelly 15 feet and 10 inches; Pat Lonergan of Pendleton 15 feet and 8 inches. In the tug of war the married men won two out of three. A crowd of approximately four hundred people attended the sports.

## NO YELLOW CARDS FOR LEXINGTON

W. G. Scott, W. O. Hill, W. F. Barnett and Prof. Hough, all prominent business men of Lexington, were in town Wednesday evening attending the Oregon Chamber of Commerce and good roads meeting. When the matter of guaranteeing the county membership and free quota came up Mr. Scott, as is his usual custom quietly remarked that he would guarantee the Lexington quota. That is a habit Mr. Scott acquired during the recent and many war drives. Whatever amount of money was required of the Lexington country Mr. Scott would guarantee the amount and then go out the next day and get the money. Lexington never "threw him down."

On one memorable occasion when the county was being organized for one of the Liberty Loan drives an expert drive fan was sent out from Portland to instruct the bunch-grassers in the gentle art of selling Liberty bonds. A part of the plan outlined at Portland headquarters and which the instructor attempted to introduce here was a card system by which a blue card was to be filled out for every one who took the amount of bonds allotted to him, a red card for all who bought bonds and a yellow card for all who refused or failed to purchase any. Mr. Scott heard the instructor through and then quietly informed him that if any yellow cards were sent to Lexington they would be put in the waste basket or stove, or words to that effect. Mr. Scott wanted to make it plain that Lexington is no yellow card town—that if anyone failed there to buy there was a good and sufficient reason.

## OPEN THE LOBBY

Isn't it about time for the city health authorities to remove the ban imposed during the prevalence of the "flu" and allow the lobby of the postoffice to remain open while the mail is being distributed? Keeping a crowd of 45 or 50 persons locked out of a public building for an hour or more in the cold March wind as was the case last Saturday evening, without a good and sufficient reason is conducive neither to good service on the part of the postoffice, good temper among the patrons of the office nor good health in the community.

## BAND BENEFIT BALL WAS BIG SUCCESS

The ball given last evening under the auspices of the Civic Improvement club for the benefit of the Heppner band was a most successful affair. A good crowd was in attendance and good music made the occasion all that could be desired for lovers of the tar-papered art.

## EARL MILLER RETURNS FROM NAVY

Earl Miller has returned from Bremerton where he served for ten months in the navy having enlisted in that branch of the service last May. Mr. Miller is well known around Heppner and has many friends here. He is visiting for a few days with his sister, Mrs. G. B. Swaggert, north of Lexington, and after completing his visit he will go over to Robnett, on Snake river, near which place he has a homestead and is making a start in the stock business.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB BACKS GOOD ROAD MOVEMENT

**STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP OVERSUBSCRIBED**

**Jim Stewart Boosts for Development of Oregon—Switches to Good Roads—Makes Hit**

Last Wednesday evening marked the beginning of a new era in the development of Heppner and Morrow county, when at a meeting called by the Heppner Commercial Club as a county conference of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, initial steps were taken for complete affiliation with the state chamber in the state-wide campaign for the development of Oregon.

Hon. Jas. S. Stewart, of Forest, was the speaker of the evening and so forcibly did he set forth the objects of the State Chamber of Commerce that at the close of his address practically every man present signed the roll as a member of the state organization, following which a motion was unanimously carried that those present guarantee the quota of membership fees amounting to \$675 for the county.

It is fully expected that the quota of members will be fully signed and paid up during the present week when the state wide membership drive is on.

Nearly 100 business men and representative citizens of the city and county were present at the meeting and every progressive measure brought to the front was harmoniously discussed and unanimously adopted.

While Mr. Stewart was sent to Heppner primarily to talk state chamber of commerce he is so thoroughly inculcated with the good road germ, and in circulating around the town during the day he found such promising soil for the propagation of the good road doctrine, that he soon switched from his original topic to the road question at the Wednesday evening meeting and so clearly did he set forth the situation governing the participation of the counties in the road building program that he soon convinced the most skeptical, if any such were present, that the only way Morrow county can hope to derive any benefit from the immense road fund, now, or soon to be, at the disposal of the state and federal governments, is to start a movement at home for helping ourselves. This the speaker pointed out, can only be done by a county bond issue thereby providing funds to match an equal amount from the state highway commission for the improvement of the main artery of travel through the county from Heppner Junction up Willow creek, via Ione and Lexington to Heppner and on to the Umatilla county line on the road to Pilot Rock. He made it quite plain that when it comes to the matter of giving aid to the road improvement plans of the several counties the state commission is something like providence—willing only to help those who help themselves.

Mr. Stewart has been an earnest worker in the good road movement since its inception and to his efforts are no doubt largely due the splendid results already accomplished in

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## WHY MORROW COUNTY SHOULD VOTE BONDS

**COUNTY MUST MATCH DOLLARS WITH GOVERNMENT**

**Vast Federal Fund Now Available But State and County Without Funds to Match It**

There is no getting away from the fact that a wonderful era of road building has dawned in these United States and that the federal government is in the game to stay in the work of aiding states, counties and communities in improving their highways. Vast sums of money are already available and in the hands of the government to assist states and counties in the work—the only requirements being that the sections and communities benefitted shall cooperate to a certain extent in financing the work.

Through the courtesy of Jas. S. Stewart, good road enthusiast who spoke here last week, the Herald has been supplied with a copy of a tabulated statement prepared by Mr. Stewart showing the amount of Oregon's share in federal road funds now appropriated and available to such states and counties as are in a financial condition to meet the government requirements in the way of co-operation.

Under the federal act of 1916 there is available for use on post roads in Oregon for the five-year period ending with 1921 the sum of \$1,180,310.55, and for forest roads there is available \$638,970.00.

Under an act of 1919 there is available for the years 1919, 1920 and 1921, for post roads \$3,149,836.40 and for forest roads, \$1,150,146.00, giving a grand total of \$6,119,262.95.

During the recent session of the legislature when this statement was prepared there was available of Oregon state road funds to match the federal appropriations only \$1,819,280.55 leaving a deficit on the part of the state of \$4,299,982.40 needed in order to secure the federal funds appropriated for use on Oregon roads.

While the \$10,000,000 bonding act passed by the legislature will cover this state shortage it does not help Morrow county in the least unless this county provides for itself an adequate "ante" with which to get in the game.

The limit for which the county can be bonded for road purposes at this time is about \$290,000. This sum, if available during the coming summer, would let Morrow county in to the game on the ground floor and would insure a comprehensive road-building program with but little delay.

To secure such a sum of money by direct taxation at this time is, of course not possible and if the county is to secure any benefit from the vast sums of state and federal money now available the bonds must be voted.

The interest charges on such a bond issue would not be all lost money. In lieu of that interest we would have the use of the roads during the life of the bonds and besides that we would have a large amount of money each year which is now, under the old system, wasted in temporary repair work which has to be done over and over again with each succeeding year.

## CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION

The grand jury was called together yesterday morning to consider a number of cases now pending with a view to getting matters in shape for the regular term of court next month.

Circuit Judge Phelps also came over from Pendleton yesterday and is holding an equity session today in order to clear up a number of pending cases so that they will be out of the way when the spring term meets.

## Spring Millinery

I take pleasure in announcing to the ladies of Heppner and vicinity that Miss S. G. Reynolds, of Portland, has arrived and taken a position in my store. Miss Reynolds is an expert and artistic hat trimmer and her skill and good taste is at the disposal of my customers.

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